

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method comprising:

2 requesting a computer in a network to install a first application and execute the

3 first application;

4 transferring one or more files to the computer;

5 making modifications to the computer to install and execute the first application

6 on the computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprising

7 allocating a resource to the first application;

8 halting the first application on the computer;

9 reversing a portion of the modifications to the computer according to the recorded

10 modifications, reversing comprises deallocating the resource from the first application;

11 and

12 making modifications to the computer to install and execute a second application

13 on the available computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprise

14 allocating the resource to the second application.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the modifications comprise setting a communications

2 port or saving the one or more files to a data storage device accessible to the computer.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the first application has a type and if at least one other

2 application running on the computer has a type that is identical to the second

3 application's type, the portion does not comprise modifications required to install and

4 execute applications having the type.

1 4. A network comprising:

2 a first computer configured to execute a first application manager that manages a

3 first application; and

4 a second computer configured to execute a service, wherein the service, upon

5 request from the first application manager, installs and executes a first application by

6 making modifications to the second computer to install and execute the first application

7 on the second computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprise

8 allocating a resource to the first application manager.

1 5. The network of claim 4 wherein the service, upon request from the first application
2 manager, is configured to execute the following:
3 halts the first application on the second computer;
4 reverses a portion of the modifications to the second computer according to the
5 recorded modifications, reversing comprises deallocating the resource from the first
6 application manager; and
7 makes modifications to the second computer to install and execute a second
8 application on the second computer while recording the modifications, the modifications
9 comprise allocating the resource to a second application manager.

1 6. The network of claim 5 wherein the modifications comprise setting a communications
2 port or saving the one or more files to a data storage device accessible to the second
3 computer.

1 7. The network of claim 5 wherein the first application has a type and if at least one other
2 application running on the second computer has a type that is identical to the second
3 application's type, the portion does not comprise modifications required to install and
4 execute applications having the type.